

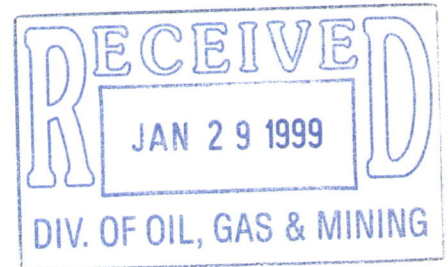
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January 28, 1999

Mr. Wayne Hedberg, Permit Supervisor  
State of Utah  
Department of Natural Resources  
Division of Oil, Gas, and Mining  
1594 West North Temple, Suite 1210  
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**Re: Request for Extension of Time to Submit Annual Report for 1998**

Dear Mr. Hedberg:

Barrick Mercur hereby requests a thirty-day extension of time to submit the 1998 Annual Report for Mine Number M450017 – Mercur Mine, to the Division. This time is necessary to combine the 1998 Final Reclamation As-Built Report and corrections to the NOI as discussed during the October 1998 site meeting.

Barrick thanks you in advance for the consideration. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me at 801-539-0660 ext. 305

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Lennie Boteilho".

Lennie Boteilho, REM  
Project Manager

Cc: Glenn Eurick  
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*2/1/99 - Called + left message with Lennie Boteilho's voicemail that we accept their 30-day time extension request. No response letter prepared.  
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